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to be between Greenland and Spitzbergen. Amundsen now hopes to be able to leave Norway in July, 1918. The aeroplane would be used for side excursions from the ship, including one to the pole.

PERSONAL

DR. J. G. ANDERSSON, formerly chief of the Geological Survey of Sweden, has been appointed by the Chinese government as the head of a geological survey.

DR. J. ERNEST CARMAN of the University of Cincinnati has been appointed to the chair of geology at the Ohio State University vacant by the death of Professor Charles S. Prosser.

PROFESSOR FREDERICK EHRENFELD of the University of Pennsylvania conducted a conference on "Factors in the Lowering of the Land Surface" at the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences on November 18.

PROFESSOR E. DE MARTONNE, Visiting French Professor at Columbia University, read a paper on "The Limestone Plateaus of the Causses, Southern France" before the New York Academy of Sciences on November 20.

SIR ERNEST SHACKLETON arrived in New Orleans on November 3 from Colon and departed immediately for San Francisco on his way to rescue the ten members of his expedition marooned on the Ross Sea side of the Antarctic continent. On November 8 he sailed from San Francisco for Wellington, New Zealand, where he and the rescue expedition expected to sail for the Antarctic on the *Aurora*.

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR MAURYCZ RUDZKI, since 1902 director of the Cracow Observatory, has died at the age of 54 years. Professor Rudzki is best known to geographers for his "Physik der Erde," Leipzig, 1911.